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A Speck on the Horizon

The news on the economic front is so good that Pres. Ford must dance a jig every night before he goes to bed.

When things are good, the man in the White House always benefits. The voters give him the credit. At least so the story goes.

If the story were correct, Gerald Ford wouldn't have a worry in the world.

But Ford does have a worry and one which is becoming bigger with every passing day.

That's the way the Democrats have artfully kept Watergate alive. The Democrats campaigned against Herbert Hoover and the depression for 20 years and they seem bent on doing as well with Watergate.

Most recently, the Democrats have had an unexpected bonanza with the release of the movie, "All the President's Men." It is proving a box-

office smash nationwide and can hardly be counted as favorable to the GOP cause.

Not only that but a second book on Watergate ("The Final Days" by Woodward and Bernstein) has come off the press and, combined with the movie, Watergate is back in the spotlight.

The movie will get maximum exposure between now and November and its influence in the voting booth could be decisive. If you repeat "corruption" and "Republican" often enough, the two become synonymous.

Pres. Ford, because of his pardon of Richard Nixon, can't do a thing to quiet the Watergate syndrome. About all he can do is hope that a burgeoning economy will keep enough people happy to offset whatever damage Watergate will do.

An Attractive Combination

One of the most intriguing election year possibilities we've heard in a long time is a Jimmy Carter-Edmund Brown combination for the Democratic presidential ticket.

That would combine an evangelical Baptist from Georgia with a Jesuit-educated Roman Catholic from California. It would leave out most of the old pros in the Democratic party but it might be a ticket with very broad popular appeal.

Carter may not have the Democratic nomination all locked up, but he's way ahead of everyone else. The fact that non-candidate Hubert Humphrey is now sounding very much like a candidate, only substantiates the feeling that Carter is well out in front.

We're not among those, incidentally, who think Carter was hurt by his "ethnic purity" remark. The only ones making much noise about that teapot tempest are those who

were opposed to him anyhow... i.e., the professional liberals in the Democratic party.

They are trying to blow the incident into something tremendous but so far, they have created little more than a minor stir.

Getting back to a Carter-Brown ticket, it would have much to offer. In the first place, it would get the south back into the mainstream of American politics; it would recognize the growing influence of the Far West. It would have the tremendous advantage of being totally divorced from Washington, D.C. It could breathe a whole new life into U.S. politics.

Hard-core liberals still maintain a disproportionate influence in the Democratic party and they will fight to the death against Carter. But a Carter-Brown ticket could be a winner and that's what politics is all about.

No Place for Common Sense

If there is a disadvantaged minority in this country today, it has to be youngsters under age 18.

Federal and state laws seem specifically designed to keep them from getting work, to keep them from earning a few dollars, to keep them from learning how to become productive citizens.

Everyone is well acquainted with regulations which keep youngsters out of the berry fields, and those which require they be paid more than adults regardless of experience.

But we weren't aware until recently of a regulation which keeps youngsters from using any sort of equipment, even a hoe.

A Christmas tree farmer in the area tries to hire youngsters to plant trees in the springtime. If they're between 12 and 17, they can put the trees in the ground... but only after someone else has dug the hole for them. A hoe is a forbidden object in the hands of a teen-ager.

The do-gooders in government and overzealous labor leaders are so anxious to protect youngsters from "exploitation" that they're protecting them from work, period. No wonder we have so much vandalism and petty crime. Youngsters earning money, doing something productive is what our system is supposed to be all about.

Church to appear at MHCC

Sen. Frank Church, candidate for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States, will make a campaign appearance at Mt. Hood Community College on April 28.

The Idaho senator will make a speech at 1:30 and then field audience questions. The MHCC Student Association is sponsoring the forum for Church in the Town and Gown room.

Church, 51, presides as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Multi-national Corporations. He is also a member of the Senate Committee on Aging

and gained national recognition for his role on the Senate Intelligence Committee.

First elected to the Senate at 32, Church was one of the youngest United States senators ever. He has earned a

reputation as a strong conservationist, sponsoring such bills as the Scenic Rivers and Wilderness Bill. He was also an early opponent of the Vietnam War.

Welches resets meeting

A special meeting of the Welches School board scheduled for Monday has been rescheduled for May 3 at 8 p.m. Supt. John Cook says that a date conflict with a hearing on the Mt. Hood Planning Unit proposal led to the board's

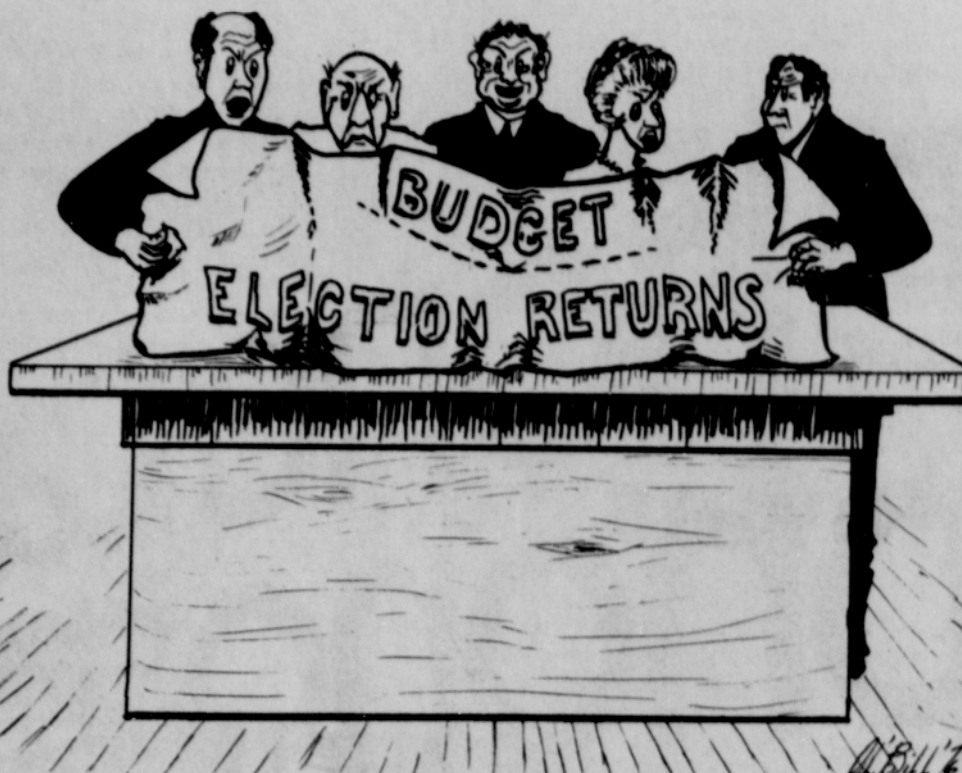
decision to change the meeting date.

The meeting will deal with development of school board policy.

The next regular meeting of the Welches board will be May 10.

The morning after

SCHOOL BOARD
BUDGET HEARING



'What did we do wrong'

Letters to the editor

Musical experiences

To the Editor:

Why is it that a teacher with eight years of service to the Sandy School District is being summarily dismissed? I am referring to our music teacher, Jerry Dickson, whose contract will not be renewed at the end of this school year. Does not his eight years of service warrant any consideration? More importantly, does not the music program which Mr. Dickson has built up to a high caliber deserve even more consideration? Who and what is behind this dismissal action?

I, myself, play an instrument and have participated in many musical organizations in the past 20 years. Somehow, the enjoyment of playing an instrument was ingrained in me at an early age - fifth grade, I believe, so that even now I love to play for my own enjoyment. This is what Mr. Dickson and the music program offer our children: learning to love to play music. You can tell this is happening because the children are excited about their concerts, they love the music they're playing because it's contemporary, they're proud Mr. Dickson cares enough to take them on trips to perform before others, and they sure like the different kinds of instruments he provides.

Mr. Dickson and the music program offer our children one of the most enjoyable, highly enriched musical experiences comparable to what one would find in a metropolitan area, much less a rural area such as Sandy. I for one, do not want my children to miss this experience. I know other parents feel the same way.

So I would like to ask whose interests are being served by this dismissal action?

Obviously, not our children's!

Mrs. Bonnie Platt
20220 E. Forest Fern Drive
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Alternative

To the Editor:

Following about three year's work the Mt. Hood Planning committee has completed three land use plans, namely alternative B, the proposed plan and alternative A. The plans are documented in a Summary Book, copies of which are available for public distribution at the ZigZag Ranger station.

After a careful study of the three plans in the Summary Book it is my sincere belief that alternative B is absolutely the best plan for the people of the Mt. Hood Planning unit for the following reasons:

First, alternative B best meets the environmental capacity goal. In other words, it will have the least damaging effect on our precious environment while allowing reasonable growth.

Second, alternative B will

allow the least increase in taxes because the level of public expenditure will be the lowest. In as much as the great majority of Hoodland people are of modest means and income, and inflation is steadily increasing the cost of living, minimal increase in taxes is of vital importance to all of us.

In as much as public input is vitally important, I urge everyone to obtain the Summary Book and answer the response form it contains and to attend the public hearing on Monday at the Wemme Lions club or the hearing Wednesday at Mt. Hood Community College.

Charles J. Augustine
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Plants wanted

To the Editor:

Sandy High School is in the midst of landscaping much of the areas around the school that have been affected by construction and in general we are attempting to accent our new facilities with shrubbery and flowered areas.

Perhaps there may be some within our community that could assist us by making available any surplus evergreens such as junipers, pfitzers, small shade trees, azaleas or whatever. Perhaps you know of a nurseryman who is preparing to destroy some of his imperfects that we could use here at the school. We could nurture and trim these plants and in time cause them to be an asset to our surroundings. If you have such items would you please call 668-5360 and we will have a student group or a groundskeeper pick them up.

J.E. DeMarsh
Superintendent
Sandy Union
High School

Thanks

To the Editor:

The Rainbow girls would like to thank Sharon's Food King, Thriftway, Masons and everyone else who donated food and helped to make our Rainbow breakfast such a success. The cake made by Mrs. Leech was won by Mary Axton, the pillow made by Mr. Woody by Diane Knapp and the door prize by Judy Warren.

Lynette Basham
Worthy Advisor
Sandy

Board relations

The Cottrell School board:

Recently, at the March 10 Cottrell School board meeting, a motion was made by a board member that "no person related to any board member or employee now employed at Cottrell school be hired or contracted by the school district."

Yet this same board member's signature appeared on a petition mailed within the Cottrell school community to some residents. The petition

states his full endorsement of his own brother-in-law as a candidate for the Cottrell school board.

Somehow, it doesn't seem quite ethical that employees cannot be related to other school employees, but that it is all right for relatives to be candidates for school board giving them the right to vote and help determine all the policies under which the school operates.

I cannot believe the school board can let this matter go without making an equal policy limiting relatives to serve on the school board, the governing agent of the school.

Fred C. Kennedy Jr.
Dawn R. Kennedy
38115 SE Lusted
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Candy sale

To the Editor:

The Sandy Area Summer Recreation Association, formerly the Sandy Area Boys Baseball group would like to extend a big thank you to the merchants in town who helped with the purchasing of prizes and donating of prizes for the upcoming candy sale this spring.

The boys baseball and girls softball joined forces to become the Sandy Area Summer Recreation Association. The money from the sales will go to help furnish equipment and supplies for the boys' and girls' teams.

These prizes will provide a great incentive for many. Again, we say thank you.

The prizes will be displayed in the window of Radio Shack prior to the start of the sale on April 24.

Bob Gedde, President
Marie Rudisill, Vice-president
Evelyn Proctor,
secretary-treasurer
Carol Jackson, softball coach

Freedom detour

To the Editor:

While announcing our national Bicentennial slogan "Freedom's Way...U.S.A.," we are recognizing that Oregon now detours Freedom's Way!

Oregon's Land Conservation and Development Commission (L.C.D.C.), created by Oregon's legislature's SB 100, allows only the Big 7 of Oregon to vote in matters of law regarding land, air and water.

Who are the Big 7 of Oregon?

The Big 7 of Oregon are appointed members of the Land Conservation and Development Commission. L.C.D.C. makes laws and policy decisions relating to, but not limited to, educational systems, public facilities and services, natural resources, energy conservation, housing, transportation systems, economy of the state, sewer and water systems, agriculture lands, forest lands and recreational needs and facilities.

No citizens' vote is allowed by L.C.D.C. on these matters of

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Keeping Posted

Walden to speak

THURSDAY, APRIL 22
State Rep. Paul Walden (Dist. 56) will be the guest speaker tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Sandy Kiwanis club meeting in the Sandy Community Presbyterian church.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 24
The Sandy Rainbow Girls will have a car wash at Western Auto, weather permitting, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Guys, it's a great chance to get your car washed for the Prom.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 25
The Sandy Roadrunners game show playday at Bar-2 Arena between Sandy and Eagle Creek starting at 9 a.m.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 27
Elsa Coleman, a member of

Tri-Met's board of directors, will speak to the Sandy Chamber of Commerce at noon in the Foothills Inn. Her topic will be Ballot Measure 26-1 which would place a \$5 fee on auto registrations in the Tri-Met area.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28
There will be a faculty meeting for Upper Grade staff members at the Sandy Elementary school at 3:30 p.m.

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The Mt. Hood Lions club meets at 8 p.m. in the Lions club hall in Wemme.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 29
The Sandy Elementary school upper grade spring concert will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper building gym.

Firwood decision

due June 2

The Clackamas County Board of Commissioners will act June 2 on a proposed amendment to the county comprehensive plan for the Firwood area.

The proposal, which would allow land owners to request changes from 20-acre minimum size lots of five acre tracts, has been forwarded to the commissioners by the county planning commission.

In sending the issue to the board the planning body gave no recommendation on the matter. Planning commission members said the county commissioners had not set down any criteria for allowing changes in the county comprehensive plan.

The basis for any change in the plan would have to be determined by the commissioners, planners said.

The Firwood zone change, submitted by the Firwood's Neighbors, Inc., neighborhood group, is the first amendment proposed to the comprehensive plan.

Alcohol involved in auto deaths

Blood alcohol test of Oregon traffic victims last year continued to show a high incidence of alcohol-related traffic deaths, Chester W. Ott, Administrator of the Oregon Motor Vehicles Division, said Tuesday.

Ott said the division received copies of blood alcohol tests conducted by medical examiners on more than two-thirds of 570 traffic victims last year. Of those tested, 53 per cent, or 208, showed alcohol in the blood at the time of death. Nearly 42 per cent of those had readings of ten hundredths of one per cent or more. Ten hundredths is the level at which there is now a disputable presumption of "being under the influence."

The report also notes that more than one-third of the fatal crashes last year involved alcohol. That figure, Ott said, is based only on tests of those killed in traffic and might be higher if all surviving fatal crash drivers were also tested. Tests were taken of 203

drivers, 110 passengers, 25 motorcyclists and 54 pedestrians and bicyclists. Positive alcohol readings were recorded for 103 drivers, 70 passengers, 10 motorcyclists, and 25 pedestrians and bicyclists.

Fifty victims under the age of 25 had blood alcohol readings; 46 victims in the 20-24 age group had positive blood alcohol readings; and another 46 in the 25-34 age group had alcohol in the blood at the time of death. Other age groups with blood alcohol readings were 22, 35-44; 23, 45-54; 12, 55-64; and 29, 65 and older.

The 1975 blood alcohol reports indicate a very slight increase in alcohol-related traffic fatalities last year in comparison with 1974. The number of victims with blood alcohol readings has been below 50 per cent only twice in the last seven years. In 1973, 45½ per cent had readings and, in 1970, 48 per cent had blood alcohol readings.



George Morgan
Local Representative

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